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Bristol Bay was put on the national front burner by Frontline, which tackled the controversial Pebble mine proposal and the enormity of what's at stake for the people and fisheries in a July 24 broadcast on PBS. "Alaska Gold," explored the scale and value of the mineral deposit, the global scale of the fishery and the battle for Bristol Bay's future. Reported by veteran journalist Blaine Harden (formerly of the Washington Post), and produced by the award-winning investigative Frontline team, "Alaska Gold" probes the probability that something could go wrong with a mega-sized project like Pebble.

Frontline also put out several online articles about the program, including one on the global demand for copper, made the full program available online and offered a transcript of the show. And coverage of Frontline's "Alaska Gold," was widely disseminated in newspapers, websites and blogs.

Other media reported on the more than 200,000 comments the EPA received on its draft Watershed Assessment of Bristol Bay - with an astounding 98 percent supporting EPA protection of Bristol Bay under the Clean Water Act.

Fox News weighed in last week, with a piece headlined, "\$500 Billion Alaskan gold mine in upstream battle with EPA, salmon advocates." And, Jeanne Devon, aka Alaska Muckraker, wrote an opinion piece in Huffington Post called, "The Time to Toss Pebble Mine is Now. Really." She sets the dilemma with this: "It's an issue of fish vs. cyanide, Alaskans vs. multinational corporations, Native culture vs. the bottom line, sustainable jobs vs. instant gratification, and food security vs. greed. It's a battle between holding on to the best of our state, and the last great wild salmon run in the world, and letting it all slip away to line the pockets of the already wealthy multinational mining conglomerates. We have a lot at stake."

At the same time, more than 700 businesses across the U.S. released a letter urging President Obama and the EPA to protect the 14,000 jobs tied to Bristol Bay's fisheries and natural resources and to reject the Pebble mine. "Bristol Bay is too important a fishery to risk with a large-scale mine like Pebble," said K.C. Walsh, owner and president of Simms Fishing Products, in Bozeman, Montana. "Conserving Bristol Bay is important to our customers and to the future of jobs in recreational angling and related businesses. We ask President Obama to secure Bristol Bay once and for all."

Lastly, with sockeye salmon season winding down in Bristol Bay, reports are in that over 20 million fish were harvested for an average of \$1 a pound – one of the bright spots in Alaskan salmon fisheries this year, some of which were closed after paltry fish returns.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Alaska Gold Frontline

Full online episode: Click here to watch

Treasure Hunt: The Battle Over Alaska's Mega Mine

Blaine Harden

PBS

Rick Halford is a Manifest Destiny kind of Alaskan. He cleared his land with dynamite. He calls himself the "ideal redneck Republican." As a longtime leader in the state legislature, he never met a hard rock mine he didn't like...Click here to read more Ripples from Pebble felt far from Alaska

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Bridget DiCosmo

Inside EPA

EPA is laying out a broad interpretation of its Clean Water Act (CWA) power to effectively veto projects by blocking their disposal specifications, an issue that could guide the agency's action as it weighs whether to preemptively block the controversial Pebble Mine project in Bristol Bay, AK, even before a permit has been sought...Click here to read more

EPA Flooded with Responses as the Pebble Mine Comment Period ends

Angling Trade

The EPA received approximately 185,000 comments on the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska, by the close of the public comment period on July 23...Click here to read more

Pebble Mine Documentary: Comprehensive and Controversial

Dan Fiorucci

KTUU

The award-winning PBS Television series, "Frontline" examined Pebble Mine in a documentary that aired Tuesday night and the subject manner continues to generate mixed reactions...Click here to read more

Behind the Insatiable Global Demand for copper

Jason M. Breslow

PBS

To get a good sense of the potential value of the copper buried below Alaska's Bristol Bay region, consider an unlikely economic indicator: copper thefts. As the value of the metal has leapt from less than \$1 per pound in 2001 to around \$3.35 per pound today... Click here to read more

Living Off the Land in Rural Alaska

Azmat Khan

PBS

Opponents of the proposed Pebble Mine argue that it could have far-reaching environmental impacts that could alter the Bristol Bay region's pristine ecosystem — and local residents' livelihoods...Click here to read more

\$500B Alaskan gold mine in upstream battle with EPA, salmon advocates

Joshua Rhett Miller

FOX News

An Alaskan mine that may contain more than \$500 billion in gold, copper and other minerals will never get dug if environmentalists get their way. The proposed Pebble Mine, near the headwaters of Bristol Bay in southwest Alaska...Click here to read more 'Red Gold' reformatted for PBS

Katie Klingsporn

Telluride Daily Planet

"Red Gold," the fantastic 2008 documentary by Telluride filmmakers Ben Knight and Travis Rummel, has been reformatted into a Frontline documentary that will premiere Tuesday on PBS...Click here to read more

Chapel Hill man's fish film makes it to 'Frontline'

Beth Velliquette

The Herald Sun

CHAPEL HILL - Tonight on "Frontline," the PBS award-winning news show will explore a battle in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska over the largest sockeye salmon area in the world versus the plan to dig an enormous open-pit gold and copper mine...Click here to read more

Salmon season winding down

Jim Paulin

The Bristol Bay Times

The Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery was nearing the end last week, with a catch of 19.2 million fish as of July 13, from a forecast of 21.7 million sockeye, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham...Click here to read more Hundreds of Businesses Nationwide support EPA action to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska's American jobs and fishing resources SBB Release

Sac Bee

In a letter released today by the Save Bristol Bay campaign, more than 700 businesses across the United States called onPresident Obama and the EPA to protect Alaska's Bristol Bay, and the 14,000 jobs that depend on its unparalleled wild salmon fishery...Click here to read more

July is Bristol Bay salmon season

Kim Thompson

Huffington Post

Summer is the season for fresh, heart-healthy wild Alaskan salmon. In July, the world's largest annual sockeye salmon run takes place in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Known as the "salmon lover's salmon" and celebrated for its brilliant red color and distinct, robust flavor, sockeye from Bristol Bay is naturally rich in heart-healthy Omega 3s...Click here to read more

Nationwide coalition urges EPA against Unprecedented Action

Americans For Tax Reform

Preemptive denial of a resource development project would destroy jobs, have chilling effect on investment. This morning a coalition of non-partisan organizations from across the country sent a letter to EPA administrator Lisa Jackson regarding a pending decision by the EPA that has significant economic implications...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay Harvest Nears 20 Million Salmon

Fishermen's News Online

Alaska Native News

What a difference a week makes. From July 6 to July 13, Alaska's wild salmon commercial harvest jumped from 22,249,000 to 38,937,000 fish, with the catch of sockeyes alone edging toward 27.5 million fish, and climbing. In Bristol Bay, where the forecast was for a potential 2012 harvest of 21.76 million sockeye, the catch reached 19.4 million fish, including 18,979,000 reds, 380,000 chum and 14,000 kings...Click here to read more

Alaskan Salmon in Bristol Bay Threatened by Potential mine

Susan Cosier

Audubon Magazine

Along Alaska's southwestern coast lies Bristol Bay, the most productive sockeye salmon habitat in the world. Beneath the surface of the area around the bay is the Pebble deposit, an undisturbed supply of gold and copper that a number of companies want to mine...Click here to read more

PBS program "FRONTLINE" examines proposed Pebble mine

Alaska Dispatch

"Preserve it, or mine it?" This is the question that "FRONTLINE" will examine during its show tonight about the proposed Pebble Mine project, Alaska Gold...Click here to read more

The Time to Toss Pebble Mine is Now. Really.

Jeanne Devon (AKMuckraker)

Huffington Post

Here in Alaska, the proposed Pebble Mine project is not a partisan issue, but it is very political. It's an issue of fish vs. cyanide, Alaskans vs. multinational corporations, Native culture vs. the bottom line, sustainable jobs vs. instant gratification, and food security vs. greed...Click here to read more

Pebble Mine Fight Builiding; Comments Due, Frontline Episode Next Week

Andy Walgamott

NW Sportsman Mag

You have through this weekend to comment on an assessment of Alaska's wild, salmon-rich Bristol Bay that says the watershed could be harmed by mines such as the proposed gash in the earth known as Pebble...Click here to read more

Vail Daily Letter: Save Bristol Bay

Hagen Lyle, Vail CO

Vail Daily

The Environmental Protection Agency recently released a report about Bristol Bay, Alaska, and how it's threatened by a massive open-pit mine. The report finds that every year, an average of more than 37 million sockeye salmon return to the bay's rivers and streams — making it the largest run of sockeye in the world...Click here to read more

Fish Factor: Bristol Bay salmon runs reach 20M

Laine Welch

Capital City Weekly

The red salmon catch at Bristol Bay is on its way to 20 million fish and will very likely go higher, due to a strong run of more than 30 million fish. The reds were still surging into the region's five big rivers and should serve to boost the harvest beyond the forecast of nearly 22 million fish...Click here to read more

"Eat it to Save it!" Bristol Bay Salmon Dinner on July 24th

Slow Food Seattle

Join Slow Food Seattle in supporting the great advocacy work of Save Bristol Bayon Tuesday, July 24th at Local 360 with SFS board member and Top Chef alum, Chef Robin Leventhal to cook up awareness and support with their Eat It to Save It Bristol Bay Salmon Dinner...Click here to read more

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